

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund, shifting a great burden on to those who use little or no long distance services.

The flat fee proposal under consideration would levy the same fees on people who make few long distance calls as on those who make many calls, like businesses or high volume residential users. How can this be fair?

My wireless phone is used for safety and security. It provides a way for my family to stay in touch with each other when we are away from the house. In this day of Homeland Security issues, this is one of the items we are incorporated into our plan for family emergencies. While you cannot put a price on the peace of mind gained from knowing that we can reach each other, it does not seem fair that we are penalized for being prepared. My elderly parents also have a wireless phone for the same reasons.

Businesses and other high volume customers should keep paying their fair share. Like a toll road, those who use it most should be the ones who pay the highest cost.

Please reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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